

FINAL Council Motion
B2 Amended Charter Halibut Management Measures

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
COVID-19 Emergency Meeting May 2020
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The Council recommends to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) the following management measures for IPHC regulatory Area 2C.

- In Area 2C, maintain the one halibut daily bag limit and implement a reverse slot limit with an upper limit of 80 inches and a lower limit of 45 inches (U45080) for charter anglers for the remainder of the 2020 season.

The Council recommends to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) the following amended management measures for IPHC regulatory Area 3A.

- In Area 3A, maintain a daily bag limit of 2 halibut, one of any size and a second fish equal to or less than 32"; No annual limit and no daily closures. Maintain the limit of 1 trip per halibut charter vessel per day and 1 trip per charter halibut permit per day. These management measures would be in place for the remainder of the 2020 season.

The Council is very concerned about the impacts of COVID-19 related travel and health restrictions on the Charter fleet, and requests that the International Pacific Halibut Commission expedite the promulgation of this change as expeditiously as possible.